

(From the Paris Correspondent of the Madras
Athenæum.)

AN OFFICER'S MARRIAGE.—In France an officer cannot marry except it is to be presumed he has a private fortune himself, unless he can show that his bride possesses 1200 francs a year, equal to £48, not a very large sum. A good many curious manoeuvres are tried to get round this regulation. This is an instance. Captain B. was married to Macille. A. The latter set down her dowry in the marriage contract as 12,000 francs, due to her from M. L.

"But the most important fact is the attempt to repeal the law in Maine, and its signal failure. Like all other States in a country which, from the nature of the government, is a democracy, Maine has no executive offices, is under the influence of perpetual canvass, the system of temperance became a party question, and governors were chosen and removed upon it. Four years ago the temperance law was repealed, and a stringent licensing system was substituted in its place. The next year, and upwards this plan was tried, with every disposition of the authorities to favour its success. Pauperism, crime, and all the evils which the prohibitory law had been reduced to an incurable source, were renewed; their devastations; the public voice was raised loudly and with rare concert against the license law. The Legislature passed the State Convention, and the Liquor Law was repealed. The result of the party question, and the repealing act was without

siding as to provide that, when the inspectors reported a want of education in any part of England, the board in London should have power to send to that locality, and to require them to make provision for the education of the people. Let them have time—twelve months, say—to elicit voluntary action, but if that was not done, then let the central power direct that the ratepayers should provide a school, and decide

The Astronomer-Royal having put a question, Mr. Lindsay illustrated his plan on the black board by a diagram, showing the position of the submerged plates on opposite shores, two on each side, with transverse wires and battery and receiving needle in the middle. The illustration was received with applause.

The experiments of Mr. Lindsay are thus

sun's shadow on the corresponding line of time from the side of the cross. These lines of time on the ship's head, by the indicator, are those which may differ from the true direction, the difference between which and any other compass is the local "error." Example: 1° Off Cadiz; latitude, 37 degrees N.; variation, 21 degrees W.; apparent time, 11 a.m. The cross is elevated to the angle of 53 degrees, the card placed to the right 21 degrees W.; the shadow brought on the

The Lyons journals state that in several workshops and manufactories in that city the practice of paying workmen on Mondays instead of Saturdays has been introduced.

We are enabled to state that the King of Bavaria, in recognition of the services of the Messrs. Schluginweit, has conferred upon those distinguished travellers titles of nobility. — *Post*.

Sir Richard Bethel inaugurated the winter lecture

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